


REMARKS

This RCE is filed in an abundance of caution and to facilitate issuance of a patent wherein all the submitted references are assured to be considered by the Examiner. Specifically, Applicant submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed July 19, 2001, and did not receive a Form 1449 initialed by the Examiner. Applicant believes that its submission in the subject Information Disclosure Statement was in full compliance with all of the Patent Office Rules existing at the time of the submission of the Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant hereby submits with this RCE filing a copy of the stamped postcard, Transmittal Form, and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as properly submitted on July 19, 2001. It is requested that the Examiner consider such references and initial the accompanying PTO-1449, and/or otherwise indicate on the record that the submitted references have been considered. Also attached is an additional Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with newly discovered U.S. Patent Nos. 5,512,504, 6,235,582, 5,987,573 and 6,232,181 for the Examiner's consideration. As Applicant's submission herein is seen to be fully in compliance with the Rules, the undersigned understands that the Examiner must consider such references and so indicate on the record, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609 C(2), and M.P.E.P. § 609 D.

This application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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